



Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative Parent Education Work Group

Parent Education Work Group - (1:00 - 3:00 p.m., June 2, 2004)

Members Present:

Dee Cox, AR Dept of Ed; Curtis Curry, DHS/DCCECE; Elaine Davis, AR Parents as Teachers; Barbara Gilkey, AR HIPPY; Randall Glen, AR Dept of Ed/Special Ed; Martha Reeder, DHS/DCCECE; Lori Satterwhite, Southside School District; Dorothy Taylor, PCSSD HIPPY; Carolene Thornton, NW AR CCR&R/Center for Effective Parenting

Agenda Item #1 & 2: Welcome and Introduction

Discussion:

- Barbara Gilkey and Carolene Thornton were introduced as co-chairs of the Parent Education Work Group.
- Barbara Gilkey thanked all the members present for attending the meeting and serving on the committee.
- All members of the committee were introduced.
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Result:

- Several key agencies/populations are not yet represented on the committee.

TASKS:

- The committee will consider other possible members for the Parent Education Work Group.

Agenda Items #3 & #4: An Overview of AECCS and Responsibility of Parent Education Work Group

- Martha Reeder gave an overview and history of the AECCS including: purpose, timelines, goals, and objectives.

- The group will use existing data that has been collected to help determine needs of parents in Arkansas.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School readiness for all children will be the foundation for the initiative.• Each work group must meet twice before July 31, 2004.• The committee must determine the long term objective of the initiative regarding parent education. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee decided that the next meeting will be an extended day, beginning at 10:00 and working through the afternoon in order to develop a long term, measurable outcome. |
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TASKS: The committee will develop long term outcomes during the next meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Possible New Members

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreeing that several agencies and populations were not represented on the committee, further discussion revolved around possible members. | <p>The following representatives/agencies will be contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dumas School District - Sanders• Group from Lake Village, WIC Representative - Curtis Curry• PTA Rep - Essie Middleton, SW Co-op - Karen Massey, (Parents) Margarita, Michael Ashanti, Laura Barber, Yvette Smith, Chamber of Commerce - Stacy Pittman, AR Children's Hosp. Pediatric Nurse, Media: Barbara Gilkey• Kathy McFetridge &/or Kim Cosledge, Jo Battle, possible media rep: Carolene Thornton• (Parent) Gerri Cummin, County Extension Agency - Connie Phelps: Dee Cox |
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TASKS: Committee members will contact their assigned representatives/agencies before the next meeting.

Agenda Item #6 & #8: Question and Answers/Next Meeting

Discussion:

- The next meeting was set for June 25th or June 24th as second choice, depending on guest schedule and location availability.
- The next meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Location to be announced.

Result:

- The committee decided that the next meeting will be an extended meeting. Lunch will be provided.

TASKS:

Martha Reeder will email the committee with location and confirmed date of the next meeting.

Agenda Item #8: Wrap-up and Adjourn

Discussion:

- Evaluations will be collected after each meeting.
- Minutes will be available online on the Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Education website:
<http://www.state.ar.us/childcare/aeccs.html>

Result:

- Evaluations were not available; they will be emailed to committee members.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

TASKS:

- Evaluations will be emailed to the committee from Martha Reeder.
- Committee members will complete and email forms back to Martha.